

2024 COMMENCEMENT

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY





Dear Graduates,

Nova Southeastern University takes enormous pride in your success. On behalf of NSU's faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees, I salute your academic and personal achievement. You have reached this milestone through hard work and intellectual effort, and we are pleased to recognize your dedication with today's commencement ceremony.

Reflect on the gifts of knowledge and support you have received. Celebrate the friendships, skills, and strengths you have forged. Embrace the opportunity to apply these treasures as you start a new chapter in your life, hopefully, following your passion, not your fortune, and keep your aim above your reach.

Our best wishes are with you today and in the future.
Congratulations!

George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D.
NSU President and CEO



THE NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MACE

HISTORY OF THE MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was an effective weapon in battle and was also displayed as a symbol to command order during royal gatherings, religious ceremonies, and university classes. As newer and more powerful military arms were created, however, the mace progressed into a symbol of authority and today is frequently used to lead religious and academic processions.

The mace was originally a wooden staff carried by royal messengers as a symbol to preserve order and usher royal functions. The early wooden staff of such royal messengers or lead ushers of ceremonial processions was transformed in the 14th century into an elaborate sterling silver mace. Eventually, in the 15th century, it evolved into a symbol of academic excellence and dignity.

NSU'S MACE

Before its merger in 1994 with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences, Nova University's mace bore a sterling silver "nova star" symbolizing the university's name and mission. Symbolically, Nova University's "nova star" burned brightly, providing educational enlightenment to the world. Today, a new sterling silver mace highlights the past, present, and future through the inclusion of the original "nova star" representing the university's past, surrounding the NSU seal. When not in official use, the mace is displayed in the rotunda of the William and Norma Horvitz Administration Building.

In Latin, "nova" means new or innovative. Nova Southeastern University was created to be an innovative educational institution—to take the best of traditional education from the past and mold it to fit the needs of students for today and tomorrow.

VISION 2025 STATEMENT

By 2025, NSU will be recognized as a preeminent, professional-dominant, doctoral-research university that provides competitive career advantages to its students and produces alumni who serve and lead with integrity.

MISSION STATEMENT 2025

The mission of NSU—a selective, doctoral-research university—is to deliver innovative academic programs in a dynamic, lifelong learning and research environment fostering integrity, academic excellence, leadership, and community service through engaged students, faculty, and staff.

The Vision 2025 Statement, Mission Statement, and Core Values were adopted by the NSU Board of Trustees on March 29, 2021.

CORE VALUES

Integrity
Academic Excellence
Community
Diversity
Innovation
Opportunity
Scholarship/Research
Student Centered

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CEREMONY SCHEDULE

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Members of the Faculty
Members of the Board of Trustees
Distinguished Guests
University Officials

Processional.....	Pomp and Circumstance
Presiding Officer.....	George L. Hanbury II, Ph.D. <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>
<i>National Emblem March</i> (Trio) by E. E. Bagley, arr. Cavanaugh	
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> by Key/Smith	
Convening the Commencement.....	Grand Marshals Tamara Frank, Ph.D. <i>Professor, Halmos College of Arts and Sciences and the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center</i> Ana I. Fins, Ph.D., ABPP <i>Professor, College of Psychology</i>
Welcome and Introductions.....	Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D. <i>Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Acting Dean, Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences</i>
College of Psychology.....	Karen Grosby, Ed.D., <i>Dean</i>
Halmos College of Arts and Sciences and the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center.....	Holly Lynn Baumgartner, Ph.D., <i>Dean</i>
Opening Remarks.....	George L. Hanbury II
Introduction to Commencement Speaker.....	George L. Hanbury II
Conferring of the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.....	George L. Hanbury II
Commencement Address.....	Stephen Leifman, J.D. <i>Judge</i>
Presentation of Candidates for Degrees.....	Ronald J. Chenail
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Closing Remarks.....	George L. Hanbury II
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Recessional	

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O! say can you see by the dawn's early light,
 What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
 O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
 And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
 Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
 O! say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Hail Thee, Nova Southeastern!
 Bright sun shining new;
 Radiant star of our morning,
 Ever rising, true;

May thy wisdom serve as our constant guide
 and thy love a beacon strong,
 as throughout the world we praise thy name
 joining voice in grateful song:

Nova Southeastern, Alma Mater,
 By thy light imbue,
 Service, honor, loyalty,
 'til our days are through.
 Love thee, Gray and Blue!

CANDIDATES

COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Clinical Psychology

Elise N. Anello
 Lindsay Louise Craig
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 Alexandria Gayle Nuccio
 Alyssa R. Oieda
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 Alexandria Marie Schmidt
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DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

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MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Lauren Milhet
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Marisa Mills
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Alma Monegro
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Angela Pautz
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Shevon Phipps
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Morgan Pierce
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Esmee Margeaux Ramos
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Experimental Psychology

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Forensic Psychology

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Michelle Patricia Perez
Logan Pollock
Valentina Ramirez
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Emma Christina Ricciardelli
Sophia Lorena Rivera-Trujillo
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**SPECIALIST IN
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School Psychology
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Lauren Brightwell
Alaina Capps
Nicole Marie Diaz
Hannah Royer Elliott
Camille Font
Casey Mcparlin
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Gabriela Paez
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**HALMOS COLLEGE OF
ARTS AND SCIENCES
AND THE GUY HARVEY
OCEANOGRAPHIC
RESEARCH CENTER**

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Herbet S. Ambrose
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Marcia E. Brown
Tina Ann Collins
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Cindy Cushman
Robyn Michelle Dinicola
Otis Gregory Jarvis
Roland Joseph
Stephen Kominek
Gertrude Lawrence
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Tanya Pawlowski
Midline Pierre
Kim Denise Thompson
Ernst Pierre Vincent
Scottie Ann Visser
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Oceanography Marine Biology

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MASTER OF ARTS

**Composition, Rhetoric, and
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**MASTER OF
PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE**

Environmental Sciences

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MASTER OF SCIENCE

Biological Sciences

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Hannah Johnson
Saige Jost

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Alexandra Ulysses Rayburn
Savannah Kay Renken
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Emily M. Salonia
Paisley Simone Samuel
Ellen Regina Englert Skelton
Bethany Morgan Tilton
Kaya Cheyenne Wilson
Hope Elizabeth Wilson
Zachery S. Young
Samara Lillian Zinman
Amanda Nicole Zummo

**National Security Affairs and
International Relations**

Robert Steven List
Wedwatie Ramkissoon
Alexander Shields

*Graduated with honors

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Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice.....	Kimberly Durham, Psy. D., <i>Dean</i>
College of Computing and Engineering	Meline Kevorkian, Ed.D., <i>Associate Provost, Dean, and Professor</i>
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May thy wisdom serve as our constant guide
 and thy love a beacon strong,
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 By thy light imbue,
 Service, honor, loyalty,
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STEVEN LEIFMAN is the associate administrative judge of the Miami-Dade County Court Criminal Division. He previously served as special adviser on criminal justice and mental health for the Supreme Court of Florida and currently chairs the Florida Supreme Court's Steering Committee on Problem Solving Courts.

Leifman is the co-chair of the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Mental Health Committee and co-chair of the Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative. He serves on the Florida Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse, the Florida Drug Policy Advisory Council, and the National Institute on Drug Addiction's (NIDA) Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network. Additionally, Leifman is a member of the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry (GAP), a lecturer in psychiatry at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, and a voluntary assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He was appointed to serve on the Conference of Chief Justices; the Conference of State Court Administrators National Judicial Task Force, which examined the state courts' response to mental illness; and the Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee, which was established by the 21st Century Cures Act.

In 2015, Leifman received one of the nation's highest judicial honors—the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence, presented by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. He received this award because of the high standards he exemplifies in judicial excellence, fairness, integrity, and professional ethics. Leifman was also the first recipient to receive the Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Award for Judicial Excellence (2015). He was named a 2016 Governing Magazine Public Official of the Year as well. More recently, Leifman

was awarded the 2020 Dade County Bar Association David W. Dyer Professionalism Award, the 2018 Pardes Humanitarian Prize in Mental Health, the 2019 Yale-National Alliance on Mental Health Advocacy Award, and a 2019 Presidential Commendation by the American Psychiatric Association.

On October 22, 2023, Leifman was awarded the Papal Medal Benemerenti from Pope Francis by Archbishop Thomas Wenski for his work in "protecting the dignity of all human lives, particularly for your work within the judicial system and its treatment of those with mental illnesses."

Leifman has authored and published numerous articles regarding mental health and the criminal justice system. His most recent co-authored article was published in the Atlantic Magazine on May 30, 2022. He has also been featured in many other articles and national and local television and radio programs. Leifman is the subject of the documentary *The Definition of Insanity*, which aired nationally on PBS on April 14, 2020, (doifilm.com).

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AFTERNOON CEREMONY

DANIEL PUDER is a retired, undefeated, heavyweight mixed martial arts fighter; WWE's \$1,000,000 Tough Enough Champion; futurist; and social entrepreneur whose life mission is to transform education for the next generation.

Puder started his career as an entrepreneur as a boy growing up in Cupertino, California, working for his father, who gave him the much sought-after job of cleaning bathrooms and toilets. He faced his share of challenges and adversity as a child. He was often bullied and harassed by his peers because he was overweight and deemed learning disabled, partially due to experiencing dyslexia. These challenges inspired him to train himself to focus, work harder, build a team, and commit his life to becoming a professional athlete, a private school system president, and a business entrepreneur.

Puder's lifetime goal is to impact the lives of underserved youth around the world, so he founded the nonprofit My Life My Power in 2010. As of 2024, he is the founder and president of My Life My Power World, My Life My Brand, Florida Academy Health, the Foundation Academies School District, the White Light security company, and PuderAI.

Puder currently spends most of his time building schools through Foundation Academies, which received a global corporate accreditation with Cognia. His nonprofit foundation has impacted more than a million lives around the world. In 2016, Puder transformed a level 6 juvenile detention center by lowering the rearrest rate from 80 percent to less than 30 percent in just three years. His nonprofit foundation has been funded, in part, by the White House since 2019, specifically from the Office of National Drug Control Policy, which has led to six published studies by the College of William and Mary. His team has launched 11 private schools in five years across Florida, Arizona, and West Virginia.

Since stepping away from the ring, Puder has received numerous awards. These include Humanitarian of the Year, Honorary Service Award, Honorable Kentucky Colonel, Arkansas Traveler, Outstanding Citizen, and Top Marksman Award.

As a husband and father, Puder schedules all his entrepreneurial work around his time with his wife, son, and family. He believes in creating wraparound services for our kids and communities and is always looking for an opportunity to open more doors. His quintessential quote is

"Significance breeds success. Success is what happens to us, and significance is what happens through us." —Daniel Puder

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

Ceremonial garments worn at academic functions take their meaning from the original centers of learning of the western world in the church of the Middle Ages. Caps, hoods, and gowns of the early students and monks have been held through the centuries to be traditionally symbolic of the scholarly devotion so basic to education and to the deliberate and orderly evolution of knowledge.

The introduction of classical studies, the gradual rise of the great universities across Europe, and the ever-increasing awareness of the decisive role of education in the entire development of civilization influenced leaders among academicians in their desire for a singular identity. In the attempt to create this differentiation, educators fell upon the medieval system of classic heraldry, whereby the coat of arms, assorted ornamental trappings, and patterns of colorful design had been adopted to denote the distinctive character of designated chivalric orders. The function of a pedagogical heraldry became, then, simply identification. As such, measures were taken to signify through distinctive markings on the academicians' attire the institution that had granted the degree, the field of learning in which the degree had been earned, and the level of the degree, e.g., bachelor's, master's, or doctorate.

Of the three pieces of academic attire—the cap, the gown, and the hood—it is the hood that offers the most abundant and most readily discernible information about its owner. The inner lining of the hood identifies the institution at which the individual earned the degree. Some schools have adopted two-color patterns and introduced chevrons and bars in various designs to set themselves apart from other institutions. The velvet trim bordering the hood indicates the major field of learning, or faculty, in which the degree has been earned. The list at the conclusion of this section will explain this relationship. A final feature of the hood concerns its length and width and distinguishes further between holders of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. The length of the hood for the bachelor's degree is three feet, closed at the bottom, and with a velvet border of two inches. At Nova Southeastern University, however, individuals receiving a bachelor's degree do not wear a hood. A master's degree holder has a hood three and one-half feet in length with a three-inch wide border, and the hood is slit at the bottom. Those individuals with a doctoral degree wear a hood four feet in length, open at the bottom with a five-inch border.

The cut of the gown aids in differentiating between the three levels of degrees. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple and falls in straight lines from an elaborate yoke. It may be recognized most readily by the long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown is somewhat fuller and bears no adornment. The sleeves are oblong in shape and open at the wrist, with the rear part of the oblong square cut, while the front edge has a cutaway arc. The doctor's gown is more elaborate, with velvet panels down the front and around the neck of the garment. The sleeves are bell-shaped at the end and have three bars of the same material as the front panels at the upper portion of the arm. It is cut rather fully and may be ornamental in color.

The mortarboard or Oxford-type cap has been adopted throughout most universities in the United States, although tams have become increasingly fashionable to denote holders of the doctoral degree. Colored tassels are usually worn by holders of the bachelor's and master's degrees. These denote the field of learning.

The color, indeed, the flamboyance, of academic dress undoubtedly adds to the sense of occasion at academic ceremonies. But as its historical roots show, it has a much deeper significance. It is an outward sign of the universal-

ity of universities, and of their responsibility for certain timeless values essential to the freedom of inquiry: tolerance of alternative views and courage in maintaining one's own tirelessness in the pursuit of truth and the free exchange of knowledge. Its wearing also marks the responsibility of the new graduate to maintain and uphold these ideals. These fundamentals of academic freedom have not been threatened in this country for more than 200 years, but the importance attached to the donning of traditional academic dress was underlined in recent years by scholars from Central and Eastern Europe. During the Cold War, the scholars' use of academic robes became a symbol of their refusal to be dominated completely by political forces and the state and symbolized their persistent links to the worldwide community of scholars. Thus, the wearing of academic dress should be seen not simply as a sign of achievement, but as a symbol of the responsibility that falls on all members of universities.

HONORS

Students wear cords, pins, sashes, and medallions that reflect institutional and national academic honors, as well as campus leadership, service, and engagement.

COLOR OF HOODS

The colors found on the hoods worn in the academic procession represent the candidate's discipline of study.

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Accounting, Business	Drab
Biomedical Science.....	Gold
Clinical Vision Research.....	Aqua
Dentistry	Lilac
Developmental Disabilities.....	Citron
Education.....	Light Blue
Law	Purple
Medicine.....	Kelly Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Occupational Therapy.....	Rhodes Blue
Optometry	Mint Green
Oratory (Speech).....	Silver Gray
Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Philosophy, Political Science	Dark Blue
Public Administration, Human Services, Physical Therapy, and Criminal Justice	Peacock
Public Health.....	Salmon
Science	Bright Yellow
Sport Science.....	Sage Green

